

Dear Mr. Luong,

I am greatly concerned that the addition of massive storage tanks will pose a serious threat to the community of Wilmington. What's more, Tesoro's stated intention to store a specific type of oil called Bakken is seriously alarming, given the many explosions that have occurred transporting this oil. It is highly volatile and I do not want it in our community- it is also more polluting than conventional oils, and our community should no longer have to suffer the consequences of fossil fuel contamination that give our children asthma and cripple the livelihoods of all ages. We need protection, and a safe environment to live, as is our human right. Fossil fuel industry, with the extreme harm it imposes on our environment and health, should no longer be given such generous considerations as the Draft Environmental Impact Report states, in saying there are no significant risks for storing 3.8 billion new barrels of crude oil in our community, and which will very likely be Bakken. It is obvious to us as community members that it is the best option to halt the massive expansion of oil storage.

We need all the support we need in moving to a clean, healthy, renewable form of energy, not allowing fossil fuel industries like Tesoro to expand at the expense of ordinary working-class citizens, our children and our health.

Remember that in the environment, there is no "away", and when the AQMD allows fossil fuel industry to proceed with pollution, that pollution will not remain in Wilmington alone. The increased pollution, especially from the burning of Bakken, spreads throughout our region, our state, our country and the world. Take a stand now to safeguard our common home- please, join us in saying NO to Tesoro refinery expansion! We want an accurate EIR.

Sincerely,  
Esteli Bowman-Rivera